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Phase Three reopening of Milwaukee is underway

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Effective last Friday (June 5), the City of Milwaukee reached Phase Three of the Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely plan, meaning bars and restaurants that want to reopen indoor seating areas can now do so at 25% of capacity. It is the first time that bars and restaurants have been able to allow indoor seating in the city since mid-March.

The Phase Three reopening 'gating' threshold was announced late last week by Mayor Barrett and the Health Department.

Other businesses, including child care facilities, are now able to increase capacity to 50% of maximum occupancy with a maximum of 250 people. Public and private gatherings will be allowed at 25% capacity with a maximum of 250 people.

We want to emphasize that all requirements that have been in place regarding reducing contact among customers and employees, increasing cleaning and sanitation, and managing traffic remain in place.

We ask the public to continue being vigilant when it comes to wearing masks in public and social distancing. Please go to city.milwaukee.gov/health/coronavirus for additional details. This Phase Three reopening threshold is good news but we must remain cautious.

Please go to www.milwaukee.gov/MMFS to find the most current information about Moving Milwaukee Forward.

Remember that we will all get through this together.